



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

9:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Waite, Vice Chairperson Burman, 2nd Vice
Chairperson Patricia G. Gray, Commissioner Gordon Gray,
Commissioner Guerra Jr., Commissioner Kelley, Commissioner
Leiga, Commissioner Ponder and Commissioner Westall

Absent: Commissioner Talamantes

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to Order by Chairperson Waite. (11-3156)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Waite at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 7, 2011. (11-3158)

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion on Homelessness Prevention Programs in Los Angeles County. (11-3480)

Chairperson Waite distributed the Los Angeles Business Leaders Task Force Home for Good Overarching Achievements Progress Report for July 2011 and the Collaborative Leadership Summit to End Homelessness Updates on Local Progress. The Home for Good program was brought together by United Way of Greater of Los Angeles and the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce.

Maureen Fabricante, Supervisor of the Special Needs Housing Unit -

Housing Development and Preservation Division of Los Angeles County Community Development Commission/Housing Authority, reported that the Los Angeles County Housing Authority (LACHA) administers multiple housing programs for the homeless, one of them being Veteran Affairs Supportive Housings (VASH). Ms. Fabricante's Unit received 505 vouchers for veterans, 100 tenant based vouchers and 50 project based vouchers. The program began in 2009 and will last as long as the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) continues to provide funding. Veterans prefer living near the Veteran's Administration Offices (VA) and/or service providers allowing LACHA the opportunity to find housing outside of its jurisdiction.

There are 62 cities in Los Angeles County that participate in the VASH voucher program and are developing relationships with the VA. LACHA veteran housing program are able to provide additional services not offered by HUD such as child care, transportation, relocation assistance, etc. The Veteran must abide by the rules and regulations stipulated by HUD. Since its inception, 7 out of 222 veterans were terminated from the program. Ms. Fabricante is concerned about the lack of interest from cities participating in Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Shelter Plus Programs. She stated that the Commission assistance is needed to garner interest from local cities.

Linda Jenkins, Manager of Community Development Block Grant Division of the Community Development Commission (CDC), reported that 70.8% of the expenditure allocated from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was disbursed and will be entirely exhausted by calendar year end. ARRA funds the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) which assists families and individuals who are on the brink of homelessness or have recently become homeless. Clients were referred by, for an example, 211 and self-help legal clinics, but at this time CDC is no longer taking on patrons even though there is still an incredible need for assistance. HUD has an emergency solutions grant which is much smaller. It is difficult to plan long term without funding.

Chairperson Waite stated SCAG and the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office will be contacted to inquire about their involvement in preventing homelessness.

4. Imagery Acquisition Consortium Update (Continued from April 5, 2011 and June 7, 2011 meeting). (11-1564)

Chairperson Waite reported that the Regional Planning's Imagery Acquisition Consortium presentation at the June 2011 Contract Cities Association's meeting was well received.

5. Discussion led by Chairperson Waite on the following Commission Vacancies:

First Supervisorial District (2)
Second Supervisorial District (1)
Third Supervisorial District (2)
Mayor, City of Los Angeles (1)
Independent Cities Association

CA Contract Cities Association
L.A. City Chief Administrative Office
(11-3442)

Chairperson Waite addressed the eight vacancies and offered to speak to Barbara Calhoun regarding being a district appointee. Commissioner Ponder suggested coordinating the homeless programs with appointments when addressing Contract Cities and the Independent Cities Associations.

6. Discussion on the Ad Hoc Committee plans to develop an event to showcase the knowledge and green implementation of County Departments. (11-3456)

Richard Teebay, Office of Sustainability of the Department of Public Works, reported that green improvements have proven to be effective in saving money. 2nd Vice Chairperson Patricia Gray suggested that the Commission hold an energy fair inviting local cities and government entities to demonstrate green efficiencies provided by the County of Los Angeles. Chairperson Waite volunteered the City of Carson for the location to host the event and plans to schedule a conference call for the Ad Hoc Committee by the end of August to discuss the subject further. The Ad Hoc Committee members are Chairperson Waite, 1st Vice-Chairperson Burman, 2nd Vice-Chairperson Patricia Gray, Commissioner Ponder, and Mr. Teebay.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the

need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-3159)

Commissioner Leiga would like to share the County's efficiencies and projects with local governments. The Chief Executive Office has posted best practices demonstrated by County Departments on their website. He stated that Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors received a loan of \$100,000 to change outdoor lights to LED lighting that will assist in paying back the loan in two years because of saving from reduced repairs and energy use.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-3160)

Arnold Sachs addressed the Commission on homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of August 2, 2011. (11-3161)

The meeting of the Local Governmental Services Commission was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.